

PALACE TOURS

GREEN SPAIN BY LUXURY TRAIN · 2027 SEASON

El Transcantábrico

Gran Lujo

Eight days along the Bay of Biscay, from the Basque Country to Galicia, in one of Europe's most spacious train suites.

8 DAYS · 7 NIGHTS

SAN SEBASTIÁN ⇄ SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

SATURDAY DEPARTURES, LATE MARCH TO OCTOBER 2027

WELCOME ABOARD

El Transcantábrico Gran Lujo

El Transcantábrico Gran Lujo travels the green north of Spain: the Basque Country, Cantabria, Asturias and Galicia. Over eight days the train follows the coast of the Bay of Biscay and turns inland to the Picos de Europa, with guided visits every day to cities, medieval villages and fishing towns along the way.

Only 14 suites travel on the train, so it always feels like a small private party. The train stops at a station every night, so you sleep without movement, and there is time to walk out into each town after dinner.

Everything on the programme is included: the suite, all meals with wine, the guided excursions with entrance fees, the coach transfers and the entertainment on board.

14
suites, about 28 guests

12.8 m²
per suite, with bathroom

8 days
7 nights on board

All-inclusive
meals, wine, excursions

1920s
Pullman lounge cars

From €11,100
per person, 2027



THE ROUTE · SAN SEBASTIÁN TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, AND THE REVERSE

San Sebastián → Bilbao → Carranza → Santander → Potes & Comillas → Cabezón de la Sal → Santillana del Mar → Llanes → Picos de Europa → Oviedo → Gijón → Luarca → Ribadeo → Viveiro → Ferrol → Santiago de Compostela

The train runs between Bilbao and Ferrol. San Sebastián ⇄ Bilbao and Ferrol ⇄ Santiago de Compostela are by private coach, with the group.

YOUR SUITE

The Deluxe Suites

Every guest travels in the same kind of suite: a sitting room and bedroom in one, with a full private bathroom. At about 12.8 m² including the bathroom, they are among the largest suites on any train in Europe.



DOUBLE BED

Deluxe Suite · double bed

10 suites · bed 1.50 × 1.90 m



TWIN BEDS

Deluxe Suite · twin beds

4 suites · two beds 0.75 × 1.90 m

In every suite

- Sitting area with a sofa that converts into a bed for a third guest
- Private bathroom with bathtub or shower, hairdryer and toiletries
- Individually controlled air-conditioning and heating
- LED screen, music system and in-suite computer with free internet
- Telephone, minibar, safe, wardrobe and luggage space
- Large windows; the train is parked at a station every night

Choose double or twin when you book; suites are allocated by the crew on the day. Triple occupancy uses the sofa bed.



ON BOARD

Life on board







The heart of the train is its set of four historic lounge cars, built in the 1920s as Pullman carriages and restored with wood panelling, brass and wide picture windows. One is a bar with a small dance floor, where music and entertainment run late into the evening; the others are quieter places to read, talk or watch the coast go by.

Breakfast is served on board as a buffet. Lunch and dinner are taken either in the dining car or in restaurants chosen along the route, always with wines matched to the menu, coffee and liqueurs. The north of Spain is famous for its seafood, cheeses and cider, and the menus follow the regions you pass through.

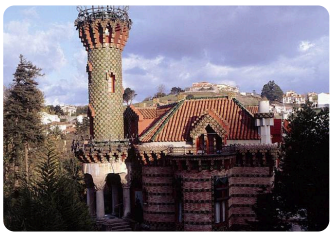
Wi-Fi works over the mobile network: it is good in the towns and patchy through the mountains. Laundry is available for a charge. There is no dress code; comfortable shoes are best for the daily visits.



San Sebastián



Bilbao



Comillas



Santillana del Mar

DAY BY DAY · WESTBOUND · 2027

San Sebastián to Santiago de Compostela

Starts Saturday, 13:00 in San Sebastián
Ends Saturday afternoon in Santiago de Compostela

Day 1 SAT
San Sebastián · Bilbao · Carranza
Night: Carranza

Reception in San Sebastián at 13:00, followed by a visit to the city and lunch. A coach then takes us to Bilbao, where we board El Transcantábrico Gran Lujo and the crew welcomes us aboard. Our first dinner is served on board as the train travels to Carranza.

Day 2
Carranza · Bilbao · Santander
Night: Santander

Breakfast on board as the train returns to Bilbao. We visit the city, known for its striking modern architecture and the riverside around the Guggenheim. After lunch the train continues to Santander, the elegant capital of Cantabria, with free time to explore before dinner.

Day 3
Santander · Potes · Comillas · Cabezón de la Sal
Night: Cabezón de la Sal

An excursion inland towards the Picos de Europa, through dramatic mountain gorges to the Cantabrian town of Potes and the villages around it. Later we visit Comillas, the coastal town known for its modernist architecture. Dinner on board.

Day 4
Cabezón de la Sal · Santillana del Mar · Llanes
Night: Llanes

This morning we visit Santillana del Mar, one of the best-preserved medieval villages in Spain. Lunch is served on board as the train follows the coast into Asturias, reaching Llanes in the afternoon for free time.

Day 5
Llanes · Picos de Europa · Oviedo
Night: Oviedo (on board)

A day in the Picos de Europa, a landscape of high limestone peaks and deep gorges. We then travel to Oviedo, the capital of Asturias, with free time in its old town. Dinner on board.

Day 6
Oviedo · Gijón · Luarca
Night: Luarca

A stop in Gijón, the lively Asturian city on the Bay of Biscay. In the afternoon the train continues along the coast to Luarca, the "white town" of the Costa Verde, where we have free time.

Day 7
Luarca · Ribadeo · Viveiro
Night: Viveiro

Today the train crosses into Galicia along the coast. We visit Ribadeo, a historic town on the estuary that marks the border with Asturias, and then continue to Viveiro.

Day 8
Viveiro · Ferrol · Santiago de Compostela

Our last breakfast on board as the train reaches Ferrol, the end of the line. A coach then takes us to Santiago de Compostela for a guided visit of the pilgrim city's old town, followed by free time. End of the journey.

Visits follow the 2027 programme. Individual visits are occasionally changed or replaced on the day because of scheduling, road conditions or weather, and the crew confirms each day's plan on board.

DAY BY DAY · EASTBOUND · 2027

Santiago de Compostela to San Sebastián

Starts Saturday in Santiago de Compostela
Ends Saturday afternoon in San Sebastián

Day 1 SAT
Santiago de Compostela · Ferrol · Viveiro
Night: Viveiro (on board)

Reception in Santiago de Compostela, followed by a visit to the old town and lunch. We then travel to Ferrol to board El Transcantábrico Gran Lujo, where the crew welcomes us aboard, and the train sets off for Viveiro. Dinner on board.

Day 2
Viveiro · Ribadeo · Luarca · Oviedo
Night: Oviedo

The train follows the Lugo coast to Ribadeo, the historic Galician town on the border with Asturias. We continue through Asturias, passing Luarca, to Oviedo, the Asturian capital, where there is free time.

Day 3
Oviedo · Gijón · Llanes
Night: Llanes

A stop in Gijón, the lively city on the Bay of Biscay, before the train continues east along the coast to Llanes.

Day 4
Llanes · Picos de Europa · Llanes
Night: Llanes

A full day in the Picos de Europa, a landscape of high limestone peaks, valleys and deep gorges. We return to Llanes, a fishing town in eastern Asturias, for free time.

Day 5
Llanes · Potes · Comillas · Cabezón de la Sal
Night: Cabezón de la Sal

We head into the Cantabrian interior, through mountain gorges to Potes and the villages around it, then on to Comillas on the coast, known for its modernist architecture.

Day 6
Cabezón de la Sal · Santillana del Mar · Santander
Night: Santander

A visit to Santillana del Mar, one of the best-preserved medieval villages in Spain. In the afternoon we reach Santander, the elegant capital of Cantabria, with time to explore.

Day 7
Santander · Bilbao · Carranza
Night: Carranza (on board)

The train takes us to Bilbao to visit the city, known for its striking modern architecture and the riverside around the Guggenheim. In the afternoon the train continues to Carranza. Dinner on board.

Day 8
Carranza · Bilbao · San Sebastián

Breakfast on board as the train returns to Bilbao, where we say goodbye to the train and its crew. A coach then takes us to San Sebastián for a visit to the city and free time. End of the journey.

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Santillana del Mar


Picos de Europa


Luarca


Santiago de Compostela

PHOTO GALLERY

Inside the train

The suites, lounge cars and dining service you will travel with. All photographs show El Transcantábrico Gran Lujo itself.



Deluxe Suite with double bed



Deluxe Suite with twin beds



Sitting area of a Deluxe Suite



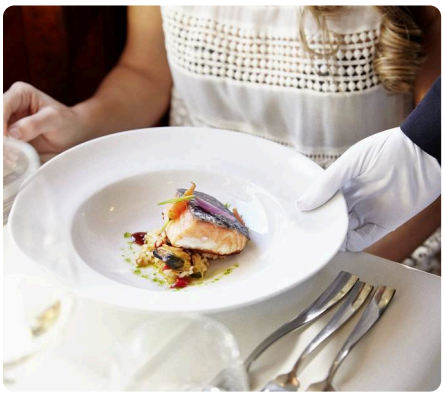
One of the 1920s Pullman lounge cars



The bar car



Lounge car with piano



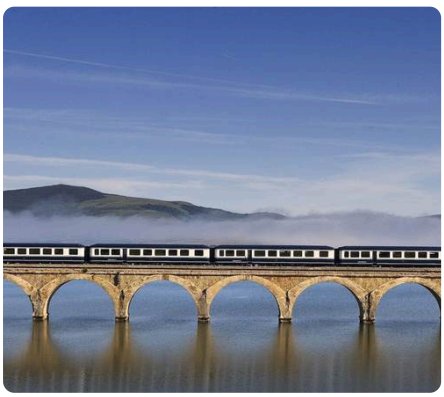
Dinner service on board



Afternoon in the lounge car



Boarding with the crew



El Transcantábrico Gran Lujo on the coast



Cuisine of northern Spain



Crossing the Luarca viaduct at dusk

2027 SEASON

Departure dates and fares

28 departures in 2027, every one with the same all-inclusive programme. Fares are in euros, the same on every date.

DOUBLE	TRIPLE	SINGLE
€11,100	€9,200	€19,200
per person, two sharing	per person, three sharing	for one guest

Fares are the same for double-bed and twin-bed suites. Triple fare is per person with the third guest on the sofa bed. US-dollar equivalents are available on request, and we accept payment in USD, EUR, GBP or AUD.

From San Sebastián

San Sebastián to Santiago de Compostela · Saturdays

March	27
April	10, 24
May	8, 22
June	5, 19
July	3, 17, 31
August	14
September	25
October	9, 23

From Santiago de Compostela

Santiago de Compostela to San Sebastián · Saturdays

April	3, 17
May	1, 15, 29
June	12, 26
July	10, 24
August	7
September	4, 18
October	2, 16

Included

- Seven nights in a Deluxe Suite with private bathroom
- All meals: breakfast on board, lunch and dinner on board or in selected restaurants
- Wines with lunch and dinner, coffee and liqueurs; bottled water throughout
- Daily guided excursions with a tour guide, and entrance fees to the visits on the programme
- Coach for all excursions, San Sebastián ⇄ Bilbao and Ferrol ⇄ Santiago de Compostela
- Entertainment in the lounge cars, daily press and the on-board library
- Travel assistance from the train crew throughout

Not included

- Flights and hotels before or after the journey
- Drinks ordered outside meal times, laundry and other personal extras
- Gratuities, which are optional
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)

Dates and fares as published on www.palacetours.com on 16 November 2026. Suites sell out, so availability is confirmed when you book.

EARLY BIRD FARES

Book early, pay less

Plan ahead and you'll pay less for exactly the same journey. Every cabin on this train now has an Early Bird fare. Look for it in the booking calendar, right next to the regular fare.



6 MONTHS OR MORE BEFORE DEPARTURE

Save €250

per person

3 TO 6 MONTHS BEFORE DEPARTURE

Save €150

per person

INSIDE 3 MONTHS

Regular fare

the Early Bird fare closes

What you save on El Transcantábrico Gran Lujo

CABIN	REGULAR FARE	EARLY BIRD · 6+ MONTHS AHEAD	EARLY BIRD · 3–6 MONTHS AHEAD
Deluxe Suite	€11,100	€10,850 you save €250	€10,950 you save €150

Double fares, per person with two sharing. In the booking calendar each Early Bird fare is shown as "<cabin> Early Bird", next to the regular fare.

The saving depends on the cabin's regular price per person: €250 / €150 on journeys from €8,000, €150 / €100 from €5,000, and €50 on shorter trips.

It's the same cabin, the same itinerary and everything included as before. The only difference is the price.

Early Bird fares are limited to the cabins on each departure and close automatically. If you already know your dates, now is the time to book.

To book, choose the Early Bird fare for your cabin in the booking calendar on www.palacetours.com, or call or email our team.

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BOOKING

How to book

Book online on the tour pages at www.palacetours.com, or call or email our team, who can hold a suite while you decide and add hotels and transfers before or after the train.

Payment

- 15% of the total tour cost is due at the time of booking.
- The balance (85%) is due no later than 35 days before departure.

Cancellation

Up to 30 days before departure	refund less 15% of the official price
30 to 15 days	refund less 25% of the total
14 to 5 days	refund less 50% of the total
4 to 1 day(s)	refund less 80% of the total
Less than 24 hours or no-show	no refund, 100% of the total is payable

A 5% administrative fee is charged by Palace Tours against any refund. All cancellation and administrative fees apply to the full tour price before coupons.

Cancellations and changes must be sent in writing to travel@palacetours.com and take effect once we have processed them. Timeframes follow local time and business days at the destination.

Changes of date, occupancy or name within the same season may be possible up to 120 days before departure, subject to availability; none are permitted within 65 days.

The terms on your booking form are the ones that apply to your booking.

We strongly recommend travel insurance: www.palacetours.com/insurance

Good to know

Arriving

We suggest arriving in San Sebastián or Santiago at least one day early. Your travel voucher gives the exact meeting point.

Accessibility

There are no ramps to board the train and the corridors are too narrow for a wheelchair. Please talk to us before booking if mobility is a concern.

Weather

Northern Spain has a mild Atlantic climate. Bring a light jacket for the evenings and a rain layer at any time of year.

On-board payments

Extras on board can be paid in euros or by major credit card. Electricity is 220 V.

Travel documents

Your passport should be valid for at least six months after you leave Spain. Check visa rules for your nationality.

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RESERVE YOUR SUITE

Travel El Transcantábrico Gran Lujo with Palace Tours

Our rail specialists know this train well. Ask us about suite availability, the best direction for your flights, and hotels before and after the journey.

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